

NECRO-WELFARE LEAGUE
OF
NEW JERSEY.

April 5, 1917.

The ninth regular meeting of the Friendly Visitors Committee was held on the above date. In the absence of Mrs. Green, Miss Pendleton presided.

Present:- Miss Robinson, Rev. Redd, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Vandervall, Mrs. Street, Rev. Freeman, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Burleigh.

A motion was made and seconded that a note be sent to Mrs. Green stating that the committee did not want her to give up the chairmanship of the committee even though she could not attend at present, and expressing the hearty sympathy of the committee for her in her present trouble. Carried.

Minutes of the former meeting were then read.

HARRIET GRAY, Miss Stratton reported that she will go with Mrs. Tomaley some evening to further look into this case and report next week.

BLACK, Miss Conley reported that she is now earning \$1.20 a day at the Tobacco Factory. The Legal Aid claim agent is sick and nothing can be done yet about her goods at the express office. The report was brought in that she was put out in the street on the evening of April 4. Miss Conley asked to hurry up the Legal Aid and look over the things at the express office and report next week. Miss Robinson also asked to look into the case. Later report from Mrs. Carter, woman not put in the street although landlord threatened. She will move on Saturday to Boston Street.

WILLIAMS, Mr. Redd asked to continue on the case.

SPENCER, Miss Edsall thinks that things there are satisfactory as the woman has children.

WILLIAMS, Getting along nicely.

VANDERVEER, Miss Stratton asked to get a friendly visitor for the boy.

GUNN, The trial does not come off until May 21, 1917. Would like to raise \$500 to fight the case.

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COX, Mrs. Richardson will call and get clothes.

CARPENTER, Miss Conley called the visiting nurse and woman won't allow attention. Mrs. Holmes asked to attend to fixing gauze for bandaging her limbs.

McLENDON, Miss Hanowitz reported that city would not supply any money until thirty days were up. Miss Hanowitz asked to continue trying to get the money from the city.

MURRAY, they are trying to bring the mother and two children up from the south. They want to go on a farm. Mrs. Munroe asked to be their friendly visitor.

LOVETT, Mrs. Francisco reported that Mrs. Lovett died and that the Burial Co. had charged entirely too much for the burial services. Family, however not in want.

PATTERSON, Mrs. Francisco got shoes for the family. Mrs. Francisco authorized to get tub and the money will be refunded.

LITCHELL, family have improved and have moved into a larger place.

MORRISON, Mrs. Wright the friendly visitor not present.

WRIGHT, condition much better. Has one boy whom she has had since he was very young. Two sons by first husband. She was paid six dollars while she was sick by former employer. Case reported.

HARGROVES, They have moved and are getting along very nicely.

THOMAS, Annie, 1230 South Broad Street. Four children living. Very nice family, making the best of their circumstances. Mrs. Thomas asked to continue to be their friendly visitor.

JOHNSON, will report next week

GREEN, The two men died; one a week ago and the children's father this week. The boy 16 is now the only wage earner. Money is telegraphed today from the south; form not correct, will take until tomorrow to straighten it out.

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Mr. Vandervall reported a case at 67 Rutgers Street but did not know the name. There was sickness in the family.

A letter was received from Mr. Wright who is making a social survey of the conditions of the Negroes who have migrated from the South. Mr. Vandervall was asked to get as much information as possible from the Penn. R.R. as to how many Negroes have landed in Newark over their line.

Mr. Campbell put in application for a man and woman for industrial work. Miss Robinson and Mrs. Street were asked to have two families that they knew whom they thought would be suitable for this position to come to the Negro Welfare Office on Saturday.

Mrs. Scott reported that she visited ten families and that they were getting along very nicely.

Mr. Vandervall reported on 200 men working at Perth Amboy. Condition wretched. They live in shacks which have bunks three deep on the sides of the walls. There were in this shack seven men in various stages of pneumonia. Place was vermin infected and conditions of beds abominable since last fall. The men are paid for sixty cents a day and are charged a dollar a week for bunk. There is no medical attention and pay is deducted for the time sick. Bed toilets, no tubs, no basins, no water.

Maurer American Smelting and Refining Co. building passable. Pays twenty cents each and board fifty cents a week. One hundred men on one floor and dirt and filth and dirty clothes are all around. Mr. Wilson said that that part of the work was left to J. Barrow, as he rented and run the place. Three deaths since Christmas.

The Municipal Bureau of Labor wants the services of a woman to assist in advising the woman who apply for work as to their personal appearance. The main hours are from ten to eleven and one to two. Mrs. Holmes, Miss Cook and Miss Robinson volunteered their services.

Mrs. Street reported that the social was a success. She gave the following financial report:

Expenses
\$4.14
<u>.16</u>
\$4.32
on hand.
7 lbs sugar
1 bl. of coffee
cash----- \$2.50

Donations.
10 loaves of bread
1 1/2 lbs of butter
1 can of milk
1 jar of mustard
A.B. Jefferson
Chas. Johnson

\$.35
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Rev. and Mrs. Freeman joined the League and paid their membership fees of one dollar each.

The committee will take up the project of having a monthly or bi-monthly meeting of the men at the next meeting.

Mrs. Freeman wants to hold meeting in Jersey City to help condition.